

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner

City of San Diego, District One

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Representing the communities of:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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Season of Positive Changes in San Diego



The past months have been filled with much positive change and forward motion for

the City of San Diego.

I have been working hard alongside my City Council colleagues and Interim Mayor Todd Gloria to keep the city operating smoothly, and we are focused on addressing citizens' top priorities and concerns.

This is the time of year that we make our holiday lists. Below is a list of some of my favorite things that have been accom-

plished throughout our district and around the city in the past 12 months.

The New Year promises to bring more big changes to our city with the election of a new Mayor on Feb. 11, and consideration of a number of important citywide issues, including a \$120 million infrastructure bond to help us improve our neighborhoods by repairing streets, sidewalks, storm drains and building more fire stations and libraries.

In Council District One, I hope to move ahead on several major projects, such as: the Governor/Genesee intersection improvement project; La Jolla Cove and Children's Pool life-

guard stations; Torrey Pines Corridor Project; Mid-Coast Trolley Extension to UTC; and a Coastal Management Plan to deal with the proliferation of marine mammals and wildlife along our coastline.

Please let me know the important neighborhood projects and community issues that are on your wish list for 2014. My staff and I will work diligently in the year ahead to make progress on the public services and city programs that are important to you and your neighbors.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, and best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year!

Looking Back: 2013 Accomplishments

This time last year, Sherri was unanimously selected by her colleagues to serve as Council President Pro Tem, and appointed chair of the Rules and Economic Development Committee.

Here's a list of some of her top accomplishments in 2013:

- Completed La Jolla Shores Life-guard Station and Tower.
- Approved plans for Gonzales Canyon Neighborhood Park.
- Completed Carmel Valley Library Beautification program.
- Upgraded Sewer Pump Station 27 in La Jolla.
- Passed new guidelines for city-wide graywater use.
- Installed Bird Rock Pedestrian Crossing.
- Completed storm drain project,

resurfaced and added bike lanes into the Village on Torrey Pines Road.

-Urged Congress to help save the historic La Jolla Post Office.

-Added new school crosswalk on Girard Avenue.

-Crafted a proposed Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance to eliminate litter, save on landfill clean up costs and help the environment.

-Led the Council's efforts to craft a long-term vision for San Diego's economy.

-Reformed two key City Charter provisions related to special elections.

-Hosted Cyber Security Summit to support growing tech industry sector.



-Pushed for an Open Data Policy to increase transparency, access and citizen participation in local government.

-Revitalized the City's youth jobs program.

-Adopted Water Policy Implementation Task Force recommendations for a more sustainable local water supply

-Approved Convention Center expansion project.

-Adopted a Five-Year Police Plan to put more police officers on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

Planning Commission OKs Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch



Great news, Pacific Highlands Ranch residents. The city's Planning Commission unanimously approved the Village at Pacific Highlands Ranch at the Dec. 12 hearing.

The community will soon notice construction work at the site, and before long will

welcome new additions to the neighborhood, including a much-anticipated Trader Joe's. When complete, the 24-acre pedestrian-friendly mixed-use village center will include approximately 160,000 square feet of commercial retail space, more than 300 multi-family residential units, a

3-acre public library site and transit center all set around a unique village square.

Sherri would like to thank the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board for all of its hard work and for being so supportive of the Pacific Highlands Ranch Community.

City Council Rolls with Bicycle Master Plan Update



Earlier this month the City Council approved a Bicycle Master Plan Update.

The plan recommends adding 595 miles of bikeways across the city. It aims to connect neighborhoods within San Diego, create regional corridors throughout the city and

make bicycling a safe and regular means of transportation and recreation for residents.

Before supporting the plan, Sherri expressed strong concerns about the environmental damage that bike routes through Rose Canyon in University City could cause.

The council agreed to remove those bike segments planned through the canyon.

City officials identified 40 high-priority projects in the plan, and expect to use a mix of grants and existing funds to build the bicycle networks.

Make Change Count for Downtown San Diego Homeless



The Downtown San Diego Partnership launched its "Make Change Count" initiative last month to help the homeless.

Dozens of red meter donation stations have been placed around downtown and accept both coins and

credit cards. The meters are designed to discourage panhandling and allow the public an opportunity to donate to services and programs aimed at ending homelessness.

The money collected will help fund the "Work Your Way Home" program that reunites

homeless individuals with family and friends. It will also fund programs that help homeless seniors find housing.

For more information about the program and where to donate, visit: www.downtownsandiego.org/clean-safe/ending-homelessness/

City Fire & Lifeguard Stations Collect Toys for Tots



San Diego Fire and Lifeguard stations will be collecting toys for the Marine Reserves' **Toys for Tots** program until Friday, December 20.

The partnership between the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Toys for Tots goes back many years. Once again, there

is a great need for toys to brighten the holidays for less privileged kids. Please consider dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at any of San Diego's 47 fire stations, or the lifeguard stations in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla Shores.

Here are some of the District One stations where you can drop off

donations for the annual Toys for Tots:

Fire Station No. 9

7870 Ardath Lane

Fire Station No. 13

809 Nautilus Street

Fire Station No. 35

4285 Eastgate Mall

Fire Station No. 24

13077 Hartfield Avenue

Sherri Around Town



Sherri attended the holiday celebration at Del Mar Highlands Town Center. She joined the shopping center's General Manager Elizabeth Schreiber in presenting a \$1,000 donation to Janese Swanson of Torrey Pines Elementary School. The donation goes to fund arts programs in 15 local schools.



Sherri and her staff participated in the 56th Annual La Jolla Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival. The private, non-profit organization that sponsors the event estimated that more than 25,000 people gathered to celebrate the holiday season.



Sherri was on hand to help Interim Mayor Todd Gloria and San Diego Housing Commission President & CEO Rick Gentry kick off Project Homeless Connect's donation and volunteer drive leading up to a one-day resource fair for the city's 10,000 homeless held at Golden Hall downtown.

City-County Partner to Promote Live Well San Diego

In December, the City Council unanimously endorsed partnering with the County Board of Supervisors on "Live Well San Diego," an ongoing initiative that promotes healthy lifestyles and safer communities.

The partnership will build on a number of programs and projects the city has launched that

align with Live Well San Diego. These include promoting walking, bicycling and using public transportation.

The City and County will also look for ways to coordinate other regional health and safety efforts, such as emergency response and

smoke-free environments that impact the quality of life and wellness of San Diego's 1.3 million residents.

Sherri is proud to support a City-County partnership to promote safe and healthy living in San Diego. Working together, we can help make a positive difference.

"I support a City-County partnership to promote safe and healthy living here in San Diego."

Local Business Spotlight: Merlex Stucco

Sherri often likes to highlight a new or unique business in District 1. Here's this month's selection.

Who: Merlex Stucco Company

Where: 11436 Sorrento Valley Road

What you'll find: Merlex is a small family-owned business that offers the finest stucco products paired with superior service, reliability and on-time delivery to residential and commercial clients.

The upside: Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the growing company recently opened a new location in Sorrento Valley.

For more information:
www.merlex.com



Sherri with company president Nick Brown



The City of San Diego Christmas Tree Recycling program runs Dec. 26 thru Jan. 23. Drop-Off Sites in District One:
Carmel Valley Rec Center
 3777 Townsgate Drive
Kate Sessions Park in LJ
 5077 Soledad Road
Swanson Pool in UC
 3585 Governor Drive
 For more information:
www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services

Working for You in the Community

Potholes

- Patched potholes on Syracuse Ave
- Patched potholes on La Jolla Parkway
- Patched potholes on Viking Way
- Patched potholes on St. Louis Terrace

Cleanups and Repairs

- Removed the unpermitted signs on Pearl Street
- Cleaned up fallen palm fronds, debris on Via Del Norte, Avenida Cresta,

Avenida Cortez, and Vista De La Mesa

Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Installed "No U-Turn" sign on Del Mar Scenic Parkway
- Repainted motorcycle parking spaces on Coast Boulevard
- Evaluated traffic signal timing at the intersection of Fay Ave & Pearl Street
- Evaluated traffic signal timing at the intersection of

Governor & Radcliffe Drive

- Installed additional "One Way" sign on La Jolla Boulevard for Sea Lane

Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed? Please call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611.

We are here to help!

Sherri is on the Web at

sandiego.gov/city_council/cd1/

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If you have a concern or question about an issue in your neighborhood, please contact our constituent services representative, Laena Shakarian, or your community representative. We're here to help!

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